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Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ALLOCATION OF REWARD FUNDS RELATING TO THE MURDER OF HAE SOOK ROH (ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)

SUBJECT

Board approval is being requested for the distribution of reward funds in the amount of \$10,000 to be paid from the Board's discretionary funds.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the recommendation of the Reward Committee to distribute reward funds in the total amount of \$10,000, to be paid from the Board's discretionary funds, to the individual who provided information to law enforcement that led to the apprehension and conviction of the persons responsible for the murder of Hae Sook Roh.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On Monday, May 12, 2008, at approximately 6:45 p.m., Hae Sook Roh was fatally shot during a robbery in the 2300 block of West Rosecrans Avenue near Van Ness Avenue in the City of Gardena. On May 20, 2008, on motion of Supervisor Burke, the Board offered a \$10,000 reward in order to assist the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Homicide Bureau in obtaining information relative to this case. On August 5, 2008, your Board extended the reward offer and the filing period to February 14, 2009. On May 12, 2009, on motion of Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, your Board reestablished the reward.

During the investigation, law enforcement officials were provided with information from a witness who recognized one of the suspects while watching the news. The Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors received a claim from the individual on May 15, 2009.

As a result of this information, two suspects were arrested, Jayvion Galloway and Zecorey Marcus (Defendants), on May 24, 2008 and June 4, 2008. Both suspects were found guilty by a jury in the South Bay Superior Court on February 17, 2011 of one count of murder and two counts of armed robbery with gang and weapon allegations.

On March 30, 2011, Defendants were sentenced in the South Bay Superior Court, Department F, by the Honorable Judge Steven Van Sicklen. Defendant Galloway was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole, plus 61 years to life in prison. Defendant Marcus was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole, plus 38 years to life in prison.

A panel of individuals representing the Sheriff, Chief Executive Officer, County Counsel and the Executive Officer of the Board reviewed the claim filed for the reward fund. The panel is recommending the reward be paid to the individual who provided information to law enforcement.

In accordance with the provision of the Los Angeles County Code, Title 4 - Revenue and Finance, your Board must now consider the claim and make a final determination for distribution of the reward funds.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommendation supports the County Strategic Goal of Service Excellence. Publication in local newspapers and posting of reward notices on the County website may encourage persons to provide information to law enforcements which could lead to the apprehension and/or conviction of the individuals who commit crimes, thereby improving the quality of life to residents of Los Angeles County by removing such individuals from the community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Board of Supervisors established a \$10,000 reward fund. Pursuant to provisions in the County Code, the reward is to be paid from the Board of Supervisors' discretionary funds in equal shares of \$2,000 from each Supervisors' budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In 1993, the Board of Supervisors adopted an amendment to the County Code establishing procedures for offering cash rewards for information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of persons guilty of criminal acts. Your Board, from time to time has offered such rewards to encourage citizens to come forward and assist law enforcement with their investigations.

The action recommended is in compliance with the County Code, Title 4 - Revenue and Finance relating to rewards; and specifically Section 4.50.010B which states "conviction of the person or persons responsible for the crime shall be required for payment of a reward unless the Board of Supervisors makes a finding of impossibility of conviction due to the death or incapacity of such person or persons."

The Notice of Reward Offered was posted on the Board of Supervisors' website and published in the Torrance Daily Breeze. In addition, copies were provided to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department - Homicide Bureau.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of this recommendation does not impact other current County services or projects.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sachi A. Hamai". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

SACHI A. HAMAI

Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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